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1. MISSION WELCOMES EARLY RECEIPT OF COMMUNIQUE FRG PLANS ISSUE  
AFTER SIGNING OF BILATERAL. ECONAD CONFERRED APRIL 16 WITH FRG MISSION

FINANCIAL COUNSELOR MASSBERT, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM EASTER  
VACATION, REGARDING BRIEFING OUR NATO ALLIES ON US/FRG OFFSET  
AGREEMENT. MASSBERG AGREED THAT IN INTEREST OF ALLIANCE CONSUL-  
TATIONS, IT IS VITAL THAT SYG AND PERMREPS IN NATO BE INFORMED OF  
DETAILS US/FRG BILATERAL BEFORE THEY ARE OFFICIALLY RELEASED TO  
PUBLIC. HE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT AT LATER DATE AFTER  
AGREEMENT SIGNED ON SUBSEQUENT US PRESENTATION IN THE NAC (REFS  
C AND D).

2. AFTER CONFERRING WITH AMB KRAPF AND WITH BONN,  
MASSBERG REPORTED THAT FRG VIEW OF BEST AND SIMPLEST WAY TO  
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HANDLE INITIAL BRIEFING OF OTHER MEMBERS OF ALLIANCE IS FOR FRG  
DEL TO DISTRIBUTE BY LETTER TO SYG AND OTHER NATO DELS TEXT  
OF AGREED PRESS RELEASE AS SOON AS AGREEMENT SIGNED. FRG  
DEL STRESSED WITH BONN NECESSITY FOR MORE THAN ONE DAY

LEAD TIME ON PUBLIC RELEASE OF PRESS STATEMENT TO AVOID PREMATURE  
LEAKS IF POSSIBLE. FRG DOES NOT INTEND PUBLISH FULL TEXT OF  
BILATERAL AGREEMENT, BUT BELIEVES FRG DEL SHOULD DISTRIBUTE  
FULL TEXT AS NATO RESTRICTED DOCUMENT.

3. ACCORDING MASSBERG, FRG UNDERSTANDING IS THAT US INTENDS  
TO MAKE AVAILABLE FULL TEXT OF AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS DURING WEEK  
OF APR 22 AS PART OF USG INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS. SINCE THIS  
WOULD OCCUR PRIOR TO SIGNING OF AGREEMENT, FRG IS CONCERNED  
REGARDING AMOUNT OF INFORMATION PRESS MAY HAVE ACCESS TO BEFORE  
ACTUAL CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT AND CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES.

4. MISSION AGREES WITH PROPOSAL TO NOTIFY OUR ALLIES PRIOR TO  
PUBLIC RELEASE OF COMMUNIQUE AND SUGGESTES FOLLOWING SCENARIO,  
WHICH DIFFERS FROM MASSBERG PROPOSAL IN PROVIDING FOR JOINT  
US-FRG ACTION IN NATO:

A. US BRIEFING OF CONGRESS TO ENHANCE ACCEPTABILITY OF  
BILATERAL IN CONTEXT OF JACKSON-NUNN.

B. FORMAL SIGNING OF AGREEMENT.

C. FRG AND US AMBASSADORS TO NATO JOINTLY DISTRIBUTE  
AGREED PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF FRG AND US TO SYG AND ALLIANCE  
DELS AND DISTRIBUTE FULL TEXT OF AGREEMENT AS NATO  
RESTRICTED DOCUMENT.

D. WASHINGTON AND BONN MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT.

E. US MAKES PRESENTATION IN NAC TO EXPLAIN US EXPENDITURES  
REMAINING TO BE OFFSET IN LIGHT OF US/FRG BILATERAL.

5. ALTHOUGH PRESS HAS ALREADY REVEALED MUCH OF THE CONTENT OF  
THE PROJECTED AGREEMENT, MISSION HOPES WASHINGTON WILL DO UTMOST  
TO GUARD AGAINST PRESS LEAKS BETWEEN PRESENT TIME AND OTIFICATION  
HERE IN NATO OF TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT--PARTICULARLY DURING  
DELICATE PERIOD OF CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING PRIOR TO CONCLUSION  
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